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## RENO DIVORCE COLONY HAS A VERY GAY BALL

Reno, Nev., December 12.—A gay ball at which none but an exclusive number of the women of the divorce colony and their male acquaintances participated, took place in an obscure hall some distance from the center of the city. The invitations were handed out with admonitions of secrecy.

The ball, with a capacity for hardly more than a score of dancers, was decked in green and white daisies and an orchestra, with "Mum's the word," engaged, and thirty persons present mixed their own cocktails.

It is learned that it was the most fashionably crowned group of women ever assembled in this city, each vying with the other to outdo her in expensive gowns and displays of jewels. It is estimated the latter alone represented \$75,000, while some of the gowns were imported from Paris.

When the hilarity was at its height Mrs. J. H. Woodruff, of New York, a solo violinist with Sousa all through his European tour a few years ago, who is here for divorce, grabbed the violin from one of the orchestra and began to render a choice selection. The orchestra was thus compelled to stop, the dancing ceased, and all listened to her skilled music. Then she grabbed her partner, exclaiming, "I wish I had my own fine instrument here with me," and the dance went on again.

## WOMAN'S DASH TO BANK STOPS LOSS

Mrs. Carver's Speed After Cashier's Message Surprised Alleged Check Forger at Counter.

New York, December 12.—After a dash from the counter of the Mutual Bank, at Thirty-third Street and Broadway, where he was attempting to cash a check, the signature on which he is accused of forging, Louis Albert, a decorator, twenty-three years old, No. 295 Second Avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon at No. 31 West Forty-fourth Street by Policemen Van

Wagoner and Bauerschmidt, of the detective bureau, on a charge of forgery and attempted grand larceny.

Albert had been at work at the home of Raymond B. Carver, at 16 East Thirty-ninth Street. In the course of the day Mr. Carver made out several checks for his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. Bois, of 26 East Twenty-eighth Street. The amount on one check was wrong, and Mr. Carver wrote out another one, leaving the faulty check on a table.

This check Albert is accused of taking, and, by using it as a model, of forging Mrs. Bois's name to a check for \$75, payable to himself. Such a check was presented by Albert at the Mutual Bank. The endorsement was faulty, and the cashier, becoming suspicious, telephoned to Mr. Carver's home.

Mrs. Carver, who was the only one of the family there at the time, sped to the bank in her automobile. When Albert saw Mrs. Carver stop from her motor car in front of the bank he ran out another door and jumped on a car. Complaint was made to the West Thirtieth Street Police Station, and later in the afternoon Albert was arrested at the Forty-fourth Street address, where he was at work.

## Wants to Be Head of Church

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## PRESIDENT LYNCH TO BE RE-ELECTED

Enough Support Promised to Again Place Him at Head of National League.

New York, December 12.—The consensus of opinion among baseball men gathered in New York to-day was that should the National League club owners, at their meeting here to-morrow, reach the election of officers, Thomas J. Lynch, of New Britain, Conn., who has held the office of president for a year, will be chosen again for that position. While he may not get the vote of all eight clubs, his supporters say that he is sure to have the backing of John T. Brush, Garry Hermann, John F. Harris and Barney Dreyfuss, and perhaps the vote of Horace S. Fogel.

At to-morrow's meeting all the club owners except Brush will be present. He is in San Antonio, Texas, and will wire to-morrow morning who shall represent him at the meeting. In addition to club owners, a number of prominent National League managers are on the ground, among them being Clarke, of Pittsburgh; Bresnahan, of St. Louis; and Lake, of Boston. Bresnahan sold Pitchers Johnny Lush and Bob Harmon, and will, it is said, get rid of Victor Willis before the meeting ends. It is also said that Jack Flynn, of the Pittsburgh team, will be sold to the Washington club, if waivers can be obtained. Flynn is a Washington boy.

John McMahon, who in his day was one of the greatest pitchers in the National League, is here to apply to President Lynch for a place on the staff of umpires.

With the National League meeting to-morrow and the American League meeting on Wednesday, New York is jammed full of baseball talent, including President Johnson, of the American League.

Temperance League to Meet.

The Fidelity League of the Women's Temperance League of America will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Headley, 215 North Twenty-second Street, tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.



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YALE WORTH \$24,000,000

Property Value Thus Figured, Exclusive of University Equipment.

New Haven, Conn., December 12.—The total resources of Yale University, city, not including equipment, art, book and other collections, has been figured at \$24,000,000. Recently the trustees of the Sheffield Scientific School made an appraisal of that property, basing their figures on the assessments of the New Haven tax office, and placed the total at \$3,000,000. The same method has been applied to the whole university.

The larger items in the total of \$24,000,000 are the bi-centennial buildings, the campus land, and dormitories. Investment funds make up about half the total.

## FATHER AND SON IN DOUBLE ELOPEMENT

Connellsville, Pa., December 12.—The climax of an unusual marital mix-up in the Burns family here came when George Burns eloped with his stepmother to get revenge on his father, who ran away with the son's wife last week. Since the elder Burns and the younger Mrs. Burns disappeared the son and his stepmother have been searching for them, but without success. They were supposed to be in Pittsburg, but the police of that city have been unable to find them.

Peace had reigned in the household until the advent of the younger Mrs. Burns. She was a very attractive woman, and several times the son returned home from work at the coke ovens to find his wife and father tete-a-tete. At rising time in the Burns home last Wednesday morning the elder Burns and the attractive wife of the son could not be found. While the husband and wife had slept the two had crawled down a ladder and stolen away over a lawn.

Mr. Burns and his stepmother have taken the affair philosophically, but the townspeople had not recovered from the first shock when the second one came. They called in the neighbors for supper last evening and stated that they were going away, too. Nothing would make the missing two so remorseful, they thought. So the man, about twenty-five years old, and the

woman, more than double that age, boarded a train for Pittsburg after announcing the fact to a local paper.

Pleads Guilty.

Frank Branch, jointly indicted with Charles Christian, both colored, for house-breaking, pleaded guilty in the Hustings Court yesterday and was sentenced to twelve months in jail and to pay a fine of \$5.

Blaze in Basement.

An alarm of fire was sent in yesterday morning from the residence of John P. Branch, where a small blaze was found in the basement. A chemical wagon soon extinguished the flames. The fire is supposed to have originated from a lighted match falling into a box of trash.

THE SWINE OR THE FLOWER?

Ah me! I saw a huge and loathsome sty, wherein a drove of wallowing swine were barred, whose banquet shocked the nostril and the eye;

Then spoke a voice, "Behold the source of lard! I fled, and saw a field that seemed at first One gleaming mass of roses pure and white.

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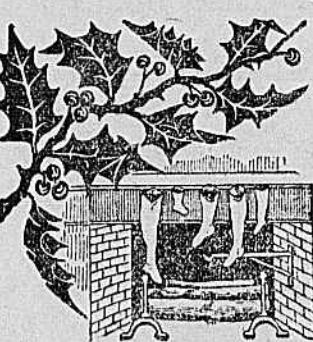
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